

landless specially through the employment generated by the engagement of labour to carry out the work. Allowing village communities to share in the usufructs of degraded forest lands which they agree to protect and develop also confers benefits on the landless persons. It is proposed to substantially expand such activities, with emphasis on employment generation, during the Eighth Five Year Plan, which is under finalisation. The programme covers Madhya Pradesh already.

Rail Gates in Kangra Valley

4069. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requests for opening rail gates in Kangra valley of the Northern Railway have been received;

(b) if so, the number of rail gates proposed to be opened on this section where the roads have already been constructed, and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has requested for gates at eleven locations.

(c) The Railways will provide the desired facility after the State Government consents to bear the initial as well as recurring cost involved and makes necessary deposits, as per rules.

Modernisation and Expansion of Hospitals

4070. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernisation and expansion of some hospitals in some selected States with World Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Proposals have been received by the Government from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal seeking assistance from World Bank for modernisation and expansion of Secondary level Hospitals at District/ Taluk level. A statement indicating the amount and activity proposed with World Bank assistance, State-wise is as under:

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of the States</i>	<i>Assistance sought</i>	<i>Proposed activities</i>
<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	236.70	Development of Secondary level Hospitals, 10 Base Hospitals, one disaster relief training centre and one T.B. Hospital.